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entific method" very clearly, and then leads the pupil into simple investigations of natural phenomena. There can be no doubt of the interest pupils would take in a course founded on this book.

**Our Little Roumanian Cousin.** By CLARA VOSTROVSKY WINLOW. Boston: The Page Co. Pp. 113. Price 60 cents.

This book of "The Little Cousin" series is particularly timely now, when everyone is more than ever interested in the Balkan States. It tells of the customs of the Roumanians in an interesting and simple way.

**Standard for the Evaluation of Efficiency in Palmer Method Handwriting.** By A. N. PALMER. New York: The A. N. Palmer Co., 30 Irving Place.

The author of the Palmer method of writing has devised a set of eight standards, one for each of the elementary school grades, for the purpose of measuring penmanship in position, movement, speed and form.

With the standards is a tabulating pad that reduces greatly the time needed for grading a class.

This set promises to be a valuable contribution to the material on handwriting.

**Problems in the Mathematical Theory of Investment.** By GUY ROGER CLEMENTS. Boston: Ginn and Co. Pp. 24. Price 32 cents.

This is a list of one hundred problems to supplement and extend books on the theory of investment. The introduction states the basic formulas and outlines the method of attack.

The problems seem well chosen, both in range and difficulty.

**Hamilton's Standard Arithmetics.** By SAMUEL HAMILTON. Book I., for the first four grades, pp. 256, price 44 cents; Book II., for fifth and sixth grades, pp. 300, price 48 cents; Book III., for seventh and eighth grades, pp. 374, price 56 cents. New York: The American Book Co.

This series follows earlier books by the same author. The books gain by their elimination of some topics that have been agreed upon as unnecessary, and by the introduction of much new material that is interesting and practical. Among the useful parts are chapters on household problems, shop problems, and problems of business, farm and factory.

**Commercial Algebra, Book I.** By GEORGE WENTWORTH, DAVID EUGENE SMITH, and WILLIAM S. SCHLAUCH. Boston: Ginn and Co. Pp. 266. Price \$1.12.

This book is intended for the first course in algebra for commercial high schools. It retains the usual topics only in so far as they have commercial bearing. The authors believe, however, that such a general foundation has been laid that another half year's work will prepare a student for college.

The publication of the book follows an exhaustive study of commercial mathematics, made by Mr. Schlauch, and this fact guarantees its value in its field.

Book II. is in preparation.

**Numerical Trigonometry.** By N. J. CHIGNELL. Oxford: The Clarendon Press. Pp. xii + 127.

This is a most interesting little book, in which the first five chapters are given up to the solution of triangles by means of ratios and right triangles. The sixth and seventh chapters take up algebraic methods and additive and projective formulas.

The idea of the text is to make possible the early introduction of practical trigonometry.

**Plane Geometry, Revised Edition.** By H. E. SLAUGHT and N. J. LENNES. Boston: Allyn and Bacon. Pp. 310. Price \$1.00.

In this edition the authors retain the main features of their former book, the human interest side being represented by historical notes, diagrams of applied geometry, etc.

The number of theorems has been somewhat reduced, and the book has a more attractive interior.

**Descriptive Geometry.** By JOHN C. TRACY and HERBERT B. NORTH. New York: John Wiley and Sons. Pp. x + 126. Price \$2.00.

In this text the shape—it is  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches high and  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide—gives opportunity for some unusually well-planned pages. They not only have the figures, which are many and excellent, on the pages with the text concerning them, but they also present a very clear and appealing makeup.

The subject matter is well chosen and carefully written.